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followed by a mixed alphabet of local societies arranged under city and state. This arrangement seems likely to prove confusing. Fortunately, there is an excellent index where names of societies and institutions, serial publications, cities, counties and states, are arranged together in a single alphabet.

—CHARLES W. SMITH.

Bibliography of American Historical Societies. By A. P. C. Griffin. Edition 2, revised and enlarged. Annual report of the American Historical Society for the year 1905, volume 2. (Washington, Government Printing Office, 1907, 1374 pp., $1.)

This revised edition of Griffin's Bibliography of American Historical Societies has seemed long in coming. It was announced for the second volume of the Report of the American Historical Association for 1905 and as such it now makes its appearance in the year 1908, although bearing the imprint date of 1907.

It is a large volume, well printed and well indexed, and is in itself an ample justification for any delays in its preparation. It covers the publications of all publishing historical societies of the United States and Canada, bringing the record down in most cases to the close of the year 1905. The arrangement is geographical and chronological with a full author and subject index to which is added also a biographical index and an index of societies. These indexes add immensely to the working value of the book.

The work as now issued is easily the most important one volume bibliography in the field of American history. Like many another work of its kind, it has gradually developed from smaller beginnings.

In the Report of the American Historical Association for 1890, pp. 161-267, appeared the first installment of Mr. Griffin's Bibliography of American Historical Societies. A second and final installment came out in the Report of the American Historical Association for 1892, pp. 305-619. The completed bibliography listed the publications of 282 societies and covered 418 pages. It was not indexed except as the items were brought out by the indexes to the volumes in which it was contained. It proved very helpful even in this form but was not convenient to use.

In the Report of the American Historical Association for 1895, pp. 675-1236, there was published an enlarged and consolidated bibliography covering the same field and by the same author

as the preceding one. This listed the publications of 313 societies, covered 561 pages and contained a 77-page index. This was a distinct step in advance but the index was far from complete.

In the present edition, occupying a whole volume, the publications of some 500 historical societies are listed, covering 1,374 pages and containing 341 pages of index. The main index is by author and subject, followed by a biographical index and an index of societies. Each item as listed is given a serial number and the index refers to this number—a very satisfactory time-saving device from the standpiont of the user.

A key to the contents of all publications of the historical societies of North America is a reference work of unusual value. Too high praise cannot be given to the patience and persistence which were employed toward making this bibliography complete. Although covering so broad a field, it should prove of great value to students of the Pacific Northwest. A glance at the index reveals twelve items under the State and Territory of "Washington" and fifty-four items under the word "Oregon." As an illustration of the way in which an exhaustive bibliography of this kind brings up out-of-the-way information ,the following may be of interest. In the index of this bibliography under "Seattle" and under "Yesler," reference is made to an article upon Henry L. Yesler, the founder of Seattle. Reference from the index to the article in question shows it to be a "Denkschrift uber Henry L. Yesler, Grunder d. Stadt Seattle," by A. E. Schade, published in the seventh annual report of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, Baltimore, 1893. Even the most careful student of Seattle local history would be likely to miss an item of this kind, but for some such general bibliography.

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Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation, 1606-1646. Edited by William T. Davis. [Original Narratives of Early American History, edited by J. Franklin Jameson, Vol. VI.] New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1908, pp. VII, 419.)

Bradford's History is the latest volume in the series of Original Narratives which are being reproduced under the auspices of the American Historical Association, and like its predecessors is a reprint in convenient and well-edited form of a valuable historical narrative. This volume deals with the history of Plymouth Plantation down to 1646.